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SPINNING OUT OF *BATMAN/SUPERMAN: WORLD'S FINEST*
COMES A MODERN TAKE ON DC'S COOLEST TEENAGE SIDEKICKS

WORLD'S FINEST: TEEN TITANS

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Five years ago.

"THE JOKER FOUND A WAY TO COMBINE KRYPTONITE WITH SCARECROW GAS.

"AND CLARK SAW SOMETHING THAT WASN'T THERE."

"HE THOUGHT HE WAS PROTECTING LOIS AND THEIR CHILD FROM DOOMSDAY."

STAY AWAY FROM THEM!

YOU WON'T TAKE THEM AWAY FROM ME!

SUPERMAN, STOP!

WHATEVER YOU'RE SEEING...

"HE WAS TRYING TO *SAVE* THEM."

...IT ISN'T REAL!

IT'S LOIS!

AND HE LOST HIS WHOLE WORLD.

NO. HE DIDN'T LOSE HIS WORLD. IT'S STILL HERE.

HE HAS FACED A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

I FEEL FOR HIM.

BUT NONE OF THAT IS AN EXCUSE FOR WHAT HE'S DONE AND WHAT HE'S BECOME.

I COULD SEE ***YOU*** DOING IT-- NOT KILLING, YOU HAVE A CODE--BUT I COULD SEE YOU OVERREACHING, WANTING TO MAKE EVERYONE ON EARTH BULLETPROOF.

BUT NOT HIM.

AND HE DOESN'T GET A PASS BECAUSE HE'S ***GRIEVING.*** HE NEEDS TO BE HELD TO ***ACCOUNT.***

Earth-Injustice. Today.

WHAT?

WHY ARE YOU ALL LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?

HEARING YOU TALK-- IT'S LIKE...

LET ME GUESS...

...I SOUND LIKE ***HIM*** BEFORE THIS HAPPENED?

NO. YOU SOUND LIKE ***LOIS.***

CLARK FOUGHT FOR TRUTH. LOIS ***LIVED*** IT.

JON. THIS IS WEIRD, BUT I HAD A HAND IN KILLING YOUR MOTHER...AND ***YOU,*** I GUESS.

AND I JUST WANTED TO SAY, I'M SORRY.

FOR ***MURDERING*** ME?

YEAH.

I DIDN'T THINK...

IT WAS ***SUPERMAN.*** SUPERMAN ***ALWAYS*** FOUND A WAY. I THOUGHT IT WAS A GAME.

I DIDN'T THINK JOKER WOULD WIN.

I'VE NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO SAY SORRY TO SOMEONE I'VE MURDERED BEFORE.

WELL, NOT SOMEONE WHO CAN STILL ***HEAR*** ME.

YOU STILL STOOD BESIDE THE JOKER.

YEAH... YEAH, I DID.

ARE YOU AFTER FORGIVENESS HERE?

I...

THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.

YOU HELPED A MONSTER. YOU HAVE TO ***LIVE*** WITH THAT.

BUT WHILE YOU'RE LIVING WITH IT, BE BETTER. DO BETTER. MAKE A DIFFERENCE. ***HELP.***

THAT'S THE ONLY CHANCE YOU GET TO MAKE THIS RIGHT.

The Hall of Justice.

WHAT IS THIS?

THIS? THIS IS *JAY NAKAMURA.*

JON IS CLOSE TO *HIS* WORLD'S JAY. HE TRACKED HIM DOWN HERE. THEY SPOKE.

WHAT DID YOU DO TO HIM?

I ASKED HIM SOME QUESTIONS.

HE DIDN'T WANT TO PROVIDE ANSWERS, WHICH TOLD ME HE HAD SOMETHING TO HIDE.

YOU HAVE DRASTICALLY OVERSTEPPED, ROBIN.

RELEASE HIM.

NO. YOU'RE BLINDED BY JON'S ***FACE.*** YOU DON'T SEE HOW DANGEROUS HE COULD BE.

DAMIAN, IF THIS IS BECAUSE...

I THINK YOU'RE A REMARKABLE YOUNG MAN. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE JEALOUS.

WHY THE HELL NOT?

YOU'VE KNOWN HIM SINCE YESTERDAY. I HAVE STOOD BESIDE YOU FROM THE ***START.***

IF YOU WON'T LOOK AFTER YOURSELF, THEN ***I*** WILL.

JON HAS SPOKEN TO BATMAN.

IF HE JOINS BRUCE'S INSURGENCY, THEN THE TERRORISTS COULD HOLD ONE OF THE BIGGEST WEAPONS IN THE WORLD.

JON IS ***NOT*** A THREAT.

YOU DON'T THINK SO? WHY DON'T YOU ***ASK*** HIM?

RIGHT. YOU CAN'T. BECAUSE HE'S NOT HERE.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE IS?

DO YOU ***WANT*** TO?

BECAUSE I PUT A ***TRACKER*** ON HIM.

THIS IS WHERE HE IS, RIGHT NOW. OUTSIDE GOTHAM.

THERE'S NOTHING THERE.

EXACTLY. OUR SATELLITES DETECT NOTHING. NO STRUCTURE. NO REASON FOR HIM TO BE THERE.

SO HE'S HIDDEN. UNDERGROUND, PROBABLY.

I THINK HE'S WITH YOUR ENEMIES. I THINK HE'S WITH BATMAN.

WE SHOULD GATHER THE LEAGUE. WE SHOULD HIT THEM NOW.

NO.

WE WAIT UNTIL JON LEAVES.

YOU CAN CATCH HIM WITH THEM. YOU CAN--

WE WAIT UNTIL HE LEAVES...

"...AND THEN WE *STRIKE.*"

YOU'LL STRIKE WITH US?

I SPOKE TO A FRIEND. HE TOLD ME WHAT'S HAPPENING. AND I'M WITH *YOU.*

BUT I'M NOT SURE WHAT THAT MEANS YET.

I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT HIM. AND I DON'T WANT TO HURT ANYONE.

YOU MAY NOT HAVE A CHOICE.

WE CAN USE ULTRAMAN'S WEAPON. WE CAN *DRAIN* SUPERMAN'S POWER.

WHICH WOULD THEN ONLY LEAVE THE *REST* OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE.

WE HAVE WHAT WE NEED TO STAND UP TO THEM.

SURE, WE HAVE *SUPERPILLS,* AND THEY'RE VERY USEFUL FOR THE SUPER-SMASHING AND THE NOT-EXPLODING-LIKE-A-HUMAN-PIÑATA IF WE GET HIT BY WONDER WOMAN.

BUT IF THEY THROW US INTO *SPACE,* WE STILL STOP *BREATHING.*

WHO EXACTLY ARE WE DEALING WITH? WHO'S WITH SUPERMAN?

CYBORG. FLASH. HAWKGIRL. WONDER WOMAN. TWO YELLOW LANTERNS.

TWO YELLOW LANTERNS?

HAL JORDAN HAS JOINED THE SINESTRO CORPS.

SERIOUSLY? THIS IS SUCH A DARK TIMELINE.

IT REALLY IS.

AND DAMIAN.

YES. AND DAMIAN.

I CAN DRAW SUPERMAN OUT. I CAN FIND A WAY TO ENSURE HE'S ALONE OR AT LEAST DIVIDE THE LEAGUE UP, SO THEY'RE EASIER TO PICK OFF.

WE START TOMORROW. TONIGHT, WE PREPARE. WE REST.

WE DON'T WANT SUPERMAN TO GROW SUSPICIOUS.

YOU SHOULD GET BACK, JON.

*I **SHOULD** GET BACK. I JUST HAVE TO CHECK A MESSAGE SOMEONE LEFT FOR ME FIRST.*

An hour later.

I THINK WE CAN TRUST HIM. HE'S A GOOD KID, BRUCE.

I'M NOT SURPRISED.

I DON'T KNOW WHY I DIDN'T THINK TO LOOK TO THE MULTIVERSE FOR REINFORCEMENTS SOONER. I--

DEET

DEET DEET DEET

ALERT!

WHAT IS IT?

ENCODED MESSAGE FROM LUTHOR.

HE'S COMING!

SUPERMAN IS--

KRAKOOM

HELLO, BRUCE.

THE PILLS!

TAKE THE--

NO.

CHZZZT

HNN.

CLARK!

CRACK

SELINA!

NOPE.

LUCKY YOU USE THIS BELT FOR HOLDING SMOKE BOMBS AND NOT FOR HOLDING UP YOUR PANTS, OR THIS COULD HAVE BEEN PRETTY AWKWARD.

HNNNG.

HOW...?

JON. MY ***SON*** LED US RIGHT TO YOU.

I DON'T BELIEVE YOU.

IT'S TRUE, FATHER.

HE LED US RIGHT TO YOU. HE JUST DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS DOING IT. ***I*** SET HIM UP.

AREN'T YOU PROUD?

IT'S LUCKY THIS PLACE HAS A FORTRESS.

AND A GIANT KEY. NOT TOO DIFFERENT FROM OUR WORLD.

OKAY...THIS IS DIFFERENT.

YOU. YOU ARE RELATED TO THE MAKER.

UH... YEAH?

ENTER FREELY.

THANKS.

OKAY, MOM...

WHAT DID YOU WANT TO SAY?

JON.

HI, MOM.

I'M SORRY FOR WHAT YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH. FOR THE TRAUMA YOU HAVE TO FACE HEAD-ON.

I WISH I COULD BE THERE TO LOOK AFTER YOU, BUT I KNOW YOU HAVE TO DO THIS ALONE.

I KNOW HOW MUCH HE TOOK FROM YOU. THE TIME HE STOLE FROM US.

AFTER EVERYTHING HE DID, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SO EASY FOR YOU TO HATE. BUT I KNOW, EVEN NOW, YOU DON'T. IT'S REMARKABLE.

YOUR COMPASSION. YOUR HEART. YOUR EMPATHY. THOSE ARE YOUR GREATEST POWERS.

THAT YOU'VE ***CHOSEN*** TO CONFRONT YOUR GREATEST FEAR TO HELP STRANGERS, ***THAT*** IS WHAT MAKES YOU A SUPERMAN.

I LOVE YOU. COME BACK TO ME.

I MISS THAT WOMAN.

YOU'RE NOT HIM. YOU'RE NOT *CLARK.*

NO...?

SORRY. IT'S JUST, IT WOULDN'T BE THE *FIRST* TIME WE'VE TALKED TO A SUPERMAN OUTSIDE OF HIS OWN TIMELINE.

AS HIS PARENTS, WE'VE HAD TO TAKE SOME VERY STRANGE THINGS IN OUR STRIDE.

I IMAGINE RAISING AN ALIEN WHO FELL FROM THE SKY IS GOOD PREPARATION FOR THAT.

IT WAS.

YOU'RE RELATED TO CLARK?

YES. NOT YOURS. BUT YES.

I'M JON.

GOOD NAME.

I WAS NAMED AFTER *YOU.*

I WAS NAMED AFTER MY *GRAND-FATHER.*

ARE YOU *THEIR* SON?

ARE YOU WHO WE LOST?

I'M THE SON OF LOIS AND CLARK. BUT I DON'T KNOW WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN BORN IN THIS UNIVERSE.

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

CLARK IS... HE'S KEEPING US HERE, FOR SAFETY.

LOCKED YOU IN A FORTRESS FOR YOUR OWN PROTECTION?

I'M SENSING A THEME.

HE'S HURT. HE'S LOST. AND WE CAN'T REACH HIM.

MARTHA. JONATHAN. I WANT TO HELP HIM. BUT I WANT TO HELP THIS *WORLD,* TOO.

AND I THINK I MAY HAVE TO STOP YOUR SON TO DO SO.

IF YOU CAN STEER CLARK FROM THE PATH HE'S ON, YOU *WILL* BE HELPING HIM.

BROADCAST COMMENCES.

CITIZENS OF EARTH. I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE...

WHAT?

...THE TERRORIST KNOWN AS ***BATMAN*** HAS BEEN CAPTURED, ALONG WITH HIS INSURGENTS.

TOMORROW MORNING, ***BARBARA GORDON*** AND ***SELINA KYLE*** WILL BE IMPRISONED FOR THEIR PART IN THE INSURGENCY THAT THREATENED THE WHOLE WORLD.

BRUCE WAYNE AND ***HARLEEN QUINZEL*** WILL BE EXECUTED FOR THEIR MANY CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY.

OH, CLARK.

THE TIME OF TERROR IS AT AN END.

JON WILL STOP YOU.

HE WON'T.

HE WILL. BECAUSE HE'S ***SUPERMAN.*** AND THAT STILL ***MEANS*** SOMETHING TO HIM.

YOUR OWN SON, WITH ALL YOUR MORALS, TOOK LESS THAN 48 HOURS TO DECIDE TO STAND ***AGAINST*** YOU.

MAYBE YOU COULD TAKE SOMETHING AWAY FROM THAT.

YOU. AFTER EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE. AFTER EVERYTHING YOU TOOK FROM ME--FROM ***US***-- YOU THINK YOU GET TO ***ADVISE?***

TO ANALYZE?

TO EVEN ***SPEAK*** IN MY PRESENCE?

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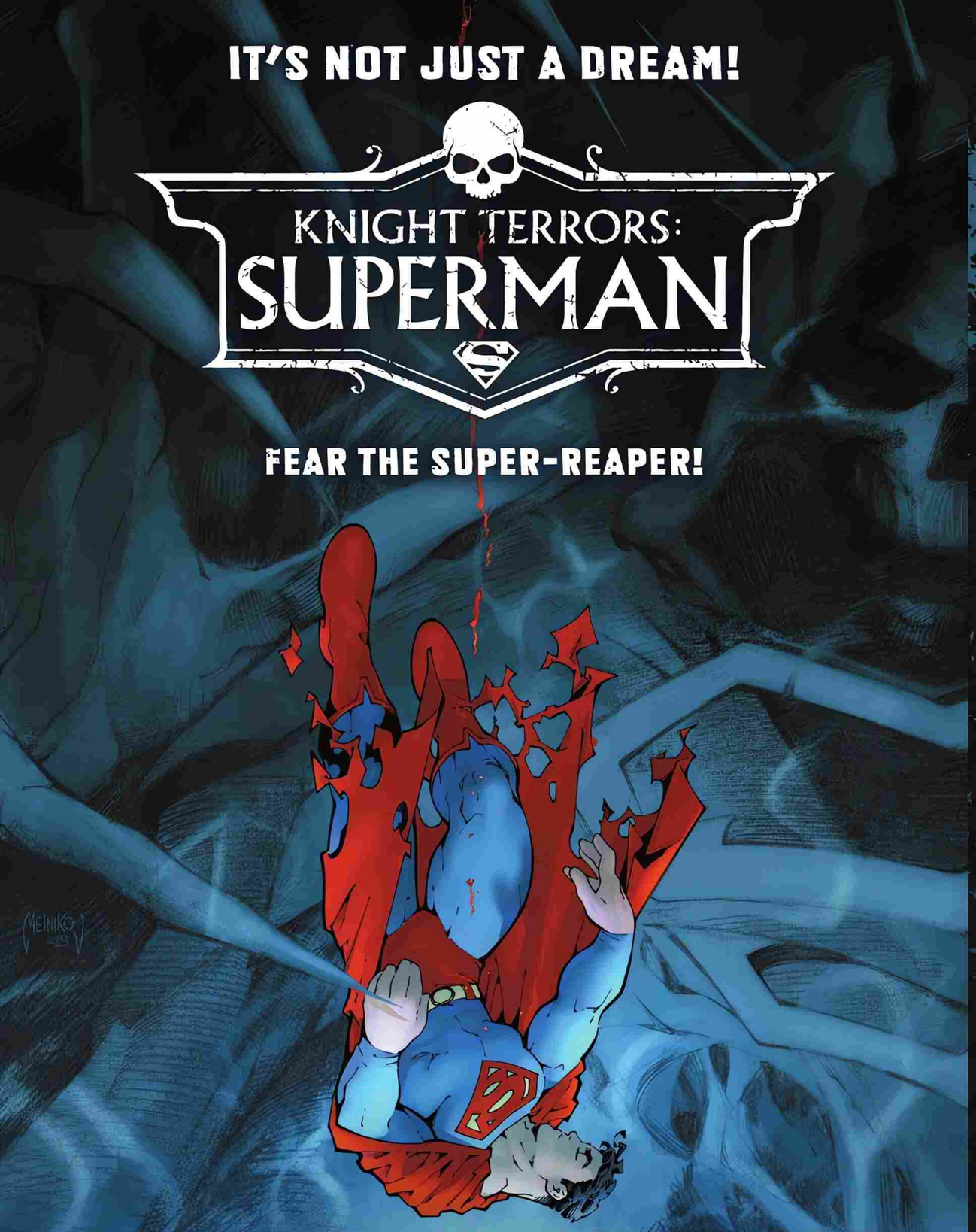
NEXT: EXECUTION

IT'S NOT JUST A DREAM!

KNIGHT TERRORS: SUPERMAN

FEAR THE SUPER-REAPER!



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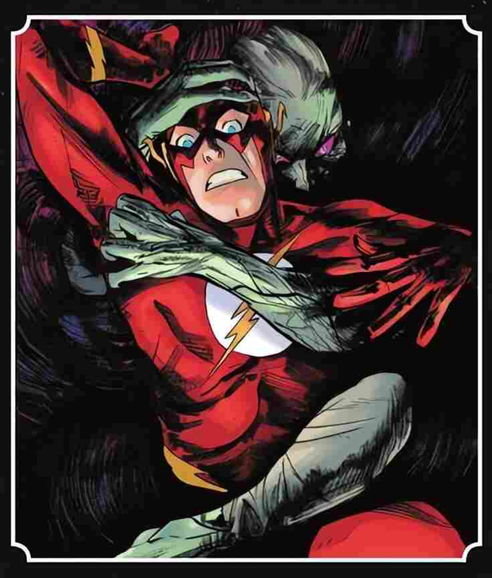
KNIGHT TERRORS: THE FLASH

WELCOME HOME, BARRY...



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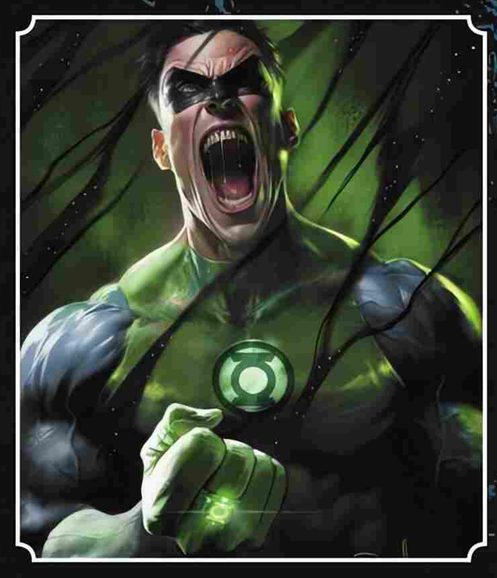
NO ESCAPE FROM COSMIC HORROR!



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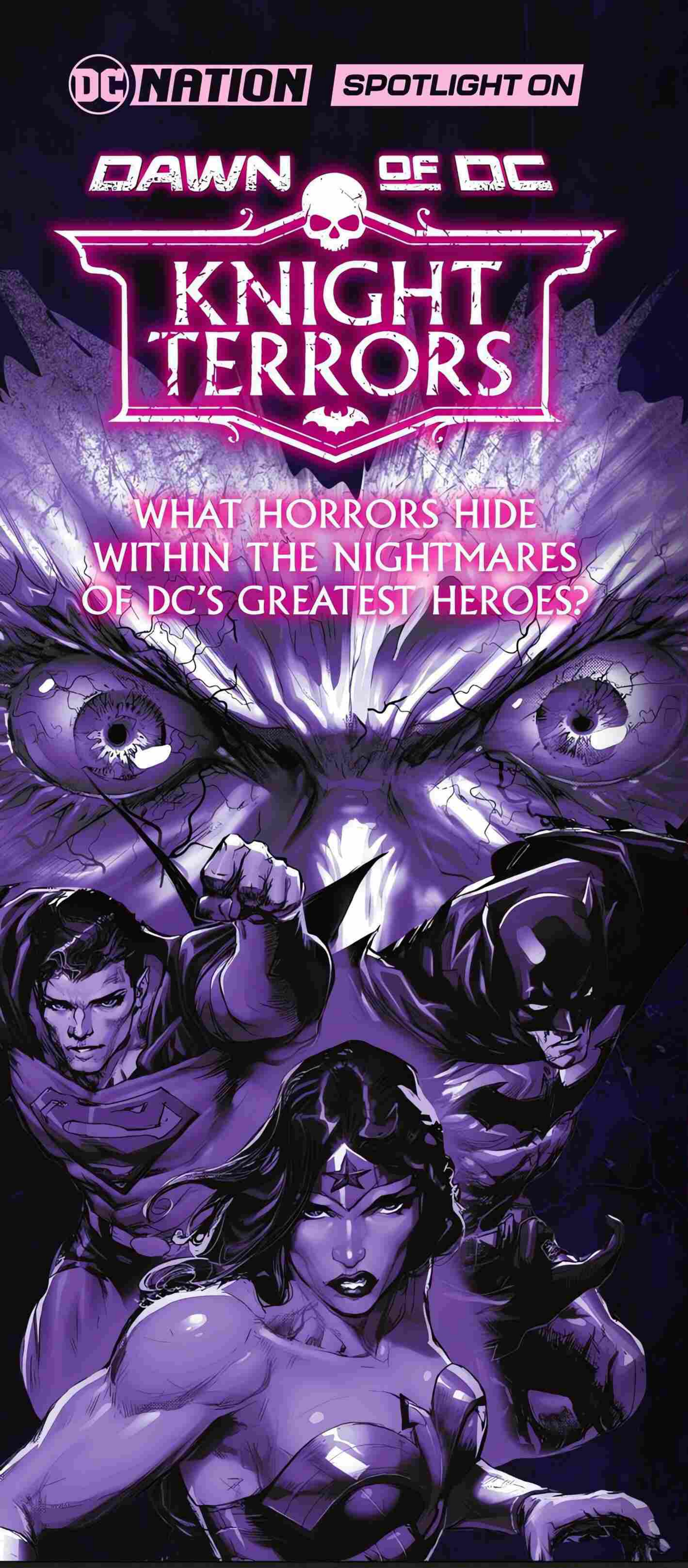
WHAT HORRORS HIDE WITHIN THE NIGHTMARES OF DC'S GREATEST HEROES?



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- ■ *Knight Terrors: First Blood* #1
- ■ *Knight Terrors: Batman* #1
- ■ *Knight Terrors: Black Adam* #1
- ■ *Knight Terrors: Poison Ivy* #1
- ■ *Knight Terrors: Ravager* #1
- ■ *Knight Terrors: The Joker* #1

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- ■ *Knight Terrors: Green Lantern* #1
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- ■ *Knight Terrors: Zatanna* #1

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- ■ *Knight Terrors: Punchline* #1
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- ■ *Knight Terrors: Wonder Woman* #1

JULY 25

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